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If the money raised by the internal revenue tax on tobacco were required by the Government, the people of Virginia would be the last in the country to object to its collection. But it is not needed; there is more money in the Treasury now than there is any use for, and that collected by the tobacco tax more increased the surplus fund and makes it more and more the object of attraction to those who are constantly tempted to rob that fund. The tax is a grievous burden to Virginia, and the amount collected within her borders so large that if appropriated to her own uses it would pay her entire debt in a few years. But the republicans, the "advanced liberal party," whose leaders are in "perfect and complete accord" with General Mahone, have determined that the tobacco tax shall not be reduced. The regulations may be the personal friends of General Mahone, and doubtless are, as they support all his personal measures; but the fact that they have no love for Virginia had been so thoroughly established previously, that it did not require the complete demonstration afforded by their action in reference to the internal revenue bill. All the readjusters, except the few personal favorites of General Mahone for whom he can obtain federal offices, will be sick enough of their allies before the next election. But Virginia will have suffered terribly in the meantime.

Fearing the incrimination of themselves and their friends the Foreign Affairs Committee of the United States House of Representatives excluded from the correspondence which Shipherd, the President of the Peruvian Company, was directed to produce, all letters on the subject of the Chili-Peru affair that he had written to or received from members of Congress. Mr. Belmont, democrat from New York, yesterday offered a resolution in the House calling for the excluded correspondence, and as opposition would have been expected, it was adopted without apparent objection. Now if Mr. Shipherd's congressional correspondence on the subject of the Peruvian Company be as specious as that of the late Oakes Ames was with regard to the Credit Mobilier Company, rich developments may be expected in the line of congressional corruption.

It would seem from the letter of Mr. Kirk that the pronounced readjusters are as much "disgusted" with boss rule in Virginia as the most ultra democrats. History proves that boss rule is only for the inferior races, and that the higher the development of man the shorter the sway of such rule. It suits the ninety thousand negro voters in Virginia whose ballots are cast as General Mahone bids, but the twenty odd thousand white men who voted with them last fall can't stand it much longer.

Letter from Page County.
[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]
LUNY, March 15.—We had two fires last Sunday night, the first in Luny, which took out about dark in the congregation was gathered at the N. S. Baptist church, and before the Rev. Mr. Butler had commenced preaching. Mr. A. W. McKim was called out of church and was told that his stable was on fire. The church was deserted at once and everybody hurried up street to assist at the fire, which was fortunately kept from spreading to the other buildings. Mr. McKim's stable, besides the stable a valuable cow, his carriage, and all his feed. This building was a large one, having been once used as a hotel stable. He had his house full of ice under the same roof but it was well protected by saw dust; there was very little of it melted. His loss, I suppose, will reach three or four hundred dollars.
The other fire was in Mr. Isham Price's, who lives about three miles above here; he lost his barn, corn crib, 500 bushels of wheat, several hundred bushels of corn, a quantity of hay and oats, road wagon, carriage, buggy, rickshaw, several tons of hay, fodder, straw and part of his farming implements including his mower. Mr. Price's loss will not fall short of twelve or fifteen hundred dollars. No insurance. He at first thought it the work of an incendiary, but I understand since that the fire started from the ash house which stood between the ash house and barn. The fire was discovered about 2 o'clock a. m.

The growing wheat is looking well, perhaps better than usual for the middle of March, and it is a good thing for the farmers that it is so as they are short of food and the wheat fields afford them good pasture for their stock. Corn is scarce in some parts of the county and there has been several thousand bushels shipped from the West. It is selling at 85 cents to \$1 per bushel.

Court of Appeals.
Lunas, Sergeant, vs. Chas. & Co. From the Corporation Court of Alexandria city. Reversed, Judge Anderson delivering the opinion.
Suttle vs. Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company. From the Circuit Court of Prince William county. Affirmed, Judge Staples delivering the opinion.
Clarke vs. Moore. From the Circuit Court of Patrick county. Reversed, Judge Banks delivering the opinion.

McVeigh vs. Bank of Old Dominion. From the Corporation Court of city of Alexandria. Affirmed, Judge Anderson delivering opinion.
Phoenix vs. the Commonwealth. From the Corporation Court of the city of Alexandria. Reversed, Judge Staples delivering opinion.
Denmore, administrator, vs. Crawford. From the Circuit Court of Loudoun county. Reversed, Judge Banks delivering opinion.
Davis vs. Morris's executor and als. Argued by John Howard, Esq. for appellant.

The United States Circuit Court was expected to commence its session in Richmond yesterday, but owing to the failure of Judge Bond to reach the city, Judge Hughes, who was present, did not convene the court. Judge Bond was expected to arrive in the city last night, and to-day the court will sit, and the decree in the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio case will be entered.

PROM WASHINGTON.
Special Correspondence of the Alex. Gazette.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17, 1882.
The weather to-day was exceptionally fair for St. Patrick's Day, and the procession of some of the several different Irish organizations of the city was, for a rainy, interfered with by neither rain nor snow. The procession marched by the east front of the Capitol during the session of Congress, but neither house seemed to allow its members to witness the review.

The many interested in the celebration of the Potomac bridge and the few who seem to care about a free bridge across the Potomac at Georgetown have almost abandoned all hope of anything being done with either of those matters by original action of the House, and place their whole reliance for such action upon the Senate, which seems to have much more regard for the interests of the District than the House has.

The President has signed the commissions of the new Attorney and Marshal for the Western District of Virginia. The commission of L. L. Lewis for Attorney of the Eastern District of the State has not yet been confirmed, but will be, it is supposed, at an early day notwithstanding the opposition of those republicans who talk about officious to it because the commission was a dual during the recent campaign in the State.

The resolution of Senator Brown in opposition to the reduction of the currency by the withdrawal of the gold and silver certificates came up in the Senate to-day. Mr. Brown desired to have it considered at once, but Mr. Morrill wanted it referred to the Finance Committee, where it would never be heard of again (as he reported upon adversely, and it was so ordered). General Mahone came in from the Clerk's room to cast his vote with the republicans and then retiring again.

From democratic Senators, Representatives and visitors from all sections of the country it is learned that democratic prospects have improved greatly since the commencement of the present session of Congress; that the action of the republicans in Congress is daily increasing the democratic strength; that the leaders of the party have profited by experience, and that, without the occurrence of something unforeseen, the next House, with all the republicans jerry-mandering in the several States, will show a democratic majority.

Col. Bright one of the directors of the Potomac Manufactory Works at Alexandria says that these works have used up all the scrap iron they had, and that if they cannot get more from the Navy Yard, which they are trying to do to-day, they will have to draw their supplies from other cities. He also says that they are erecting furnaces for the manufacture of pig-iron and blooms from that ore.

The Senate Committee on Territories agreed this morning to report favorably the bill for turning Dakota Territory into a State and admitting it into the Union, and thereby increase by two the republican vote in the Senate; and by one that vote in the House.

The House Committee on Elections heard the last of the arguments in the Lynch-Cass case yesterday afternoon. The republican majority has agreed to give the seat to Lynch, who is a democrat. The question involved was whether the law of Mississippi prescribing the size, shape and form of the ballots should be enforced or no, and the republicans of the committee have decided that it should not be.

Senator Johnson being still indisposed was again absent from the Senate to-day. Mr. Burdett has improved so much that he is only waiting for good weather in order to resume his attendance upon the sessions of the House.

Mr. John Ambler Smith, now of this city, said yesterday to a New Yorker a farm near Petersburg, Va., for \$2,500 cash, which sum he immediately forwarded to its owner.

The Chinese bill which passed the Senate by the whole democratic vote and by some of the recalcitrant votes, Messrs. Hoar, Dawes, Edmunds and other leading republicans, and General Mahone voting against it, will probably pass the House to-morrow. How any republican can vote for it without mutilating himself is hard to tell.

There was another argument before the House committee on Commerce to-day on the bill for regulating railroad charges on interstate commerce. The railroad agents were on hand in large numbers, and what with their resistance and their other modes of influencing legislation it is expected that the committee will either take no action at all, or else recommend the Adams bill, the principal effect of which will be nothing.

The measures adopted for the investigation of the Chili-Peru affairs are beginning to operate. Secretary Frelinghuysen sent to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the house to-day a dispatch from Minister Morton, stating that he knew nothing about the Credit Industrial of Paris when it became an American agent, and that all correspondence with it was made by his partner Luis during his Morton's absence.

Among the visitors at the Capitol this morning was Collector Robinson, of New York, accompanied by his wife. It seems to be understood that the office or removal is only a matter of time, as the state has demanded it. The action of General Rosecrance to the citizenship of the Congressional Democratic Committee in still a few days some of the citizens among Northern democrats and there are vague rumors to the effect that the decision is not a permanent affair.

Among the propositions for a new congressional library is one for raising the dome of the Capitol by feet in order that room sufficient for the required purposes may be made within the Capitol.

Letter from Richmond.
[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]
RICHMOND, Va., March 16.—As was anticipated, no business was done by the Legislature to-day. In fact, the dominant party will not move forward until a line of policy has been fully agreed upon; then they will go with a rush. While there was a bare quorum in the two Houses, yet the number present was not large enough to justify the pursuit of any one object of party policy, and so it still remains to be seen what will be done. If the democrats use filibustering to defeat the ends of their opponents, then the session will undoubtedly be a long one; on the other hand, if no unforeseen obstacles or discussion episode up, then the work will be gotten through with in about four weeks.

Mal B. F. Lady stated to the Gazette correspondent to-day that the rumor that he was a candidate for the place of Col. Scott Stipp, commander of Cadets and Professor of Tactics at the Virginia Military Institute, was not true. On the contrary, he is a student that he was in favor of Col. Stipp's re-election, and he deemed him the best man that could be gotten for the position he now filled. The Major said, furthermore, that he did not think any of the professors of the Virginia Military Institute would be removed. The only chance that would be made would be in the reduction of the number of clerks there.

Senator Rowles has introduced a bill authorizing the Governor to appoint inspecting officers of the Volunteer Militia. It is said that the Governor, who is among the youngest executives Virginia ever had, takes a lively interest in the Volunteer Militia of Virginia; and since his brush with our cyster enemies would not object to having one or two State gun boats manned by Virginia naval officers, and sailors, to cruise around our unprotected shores. The idea is not a bad one, and would make more of the boys for the yet unprovided Mahoneists.

There was a little in this city yesterday evening. He is too old a newspaper man not to know what the delights of being detailed as "our war correspondent" would be to the newspaper man, and the local dailies would have their representatives on board these guests of the Republican. Virginia could still have something to do to print of the fact that the mother of States and statesmen has gotten ahead of her sister States again—no later than last night. When the train had passed Alexandria and was speeding on over Virginia soil an event took place. The train was carrying the animals which belong to Col. Cassius. There was some excitement in the car that occupied the water-tanks holding the sections. Finally the cow-leeked out. One of the sections was a mother—a happy mother, and the little child was born on Virginia soil. Virginia, mother of States and statesmen, can now claim the proud privilege of having born on her soil the only son ever born in the United States, and her proud title can now be supplemented with—and mother of ex-presidents. The baby had could not stand traveling on the cars, and before the train reached Richmond it died, and its body was purchased by Mr. Shaly, of this city.

The publication of the evidence taken in the Massey investigating committee demonstrates plainly the light in which Mahone has been placed by some of the prominent readjusters. W. H. Kirk, the gentleman who wrote the letter to Mr. Alexander in which he said "Mahone has disgraced the better class of readjusters and just as he has disgraced the party," was a career member of that party and voted for Mahone county. As it has been a fight between Mahone and those who would not be bossed, the democrats can afford to look on and watch the fight, their sympathies, of course, being against anything like bossism.

M. E. Conference.
The Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church closed its annual session yesterday after sitting for eight days.

The committee on the State of the Church reported that, notwithstanding the reports from year to year of prohibitions added to the church, it appears that, in comparison with the increase of population, there is a decline in church membership. The report says: "We are satisfied the larger part of our losses—from 30 to 40 per cent.—our members thus designated members in full."

The loss from the number of prohibitions was set down as fully 25 per cent. The committee recommends an increase of financial aid—a personal personal acquaintance with social enjoyment, which shall also conduce at the same time to greater religious activity and a more perfect form of bookkeeping in statistics. The committee further recommended that a considerable portion of the business of the conference be transacted with closed doors, the matter of church statistics being specified as one to be so considered. After some discussion the report was adopted.

Rev. W. O. Griffith, Chairman of the Committee on Temperance, reported resolutions reaffirming unyielding opposition to the manufacture, sale and use as a beverage of all intoxicating liquors, and to enforce the discipline in regard to the subject.

Rev. C. H. Richardson offered a resolution expressing condemnation of all complicity in associations which regard to receive a rebate from Sunday trains on the railroads.

A. J. Thomsen, from the committee on Sabbath observance, reported resolutions, which were adopted, expressing his sympathy with every laudable plan to make the observance of the Sabbath more real to the people, and the circulation of such papers as shall the observance of the institution or institution an editorial contempt for its proper character, and opposing complicity in such associations, which negotiate with railroad corporations to act as agents God's law.

Rev. W. M. Ferguson reported statistics of membership during the conference year as follows: Probationers, 3,563; full members, 32,428; local preachers, 159; deacons, 509; baptism, children 3,613 adult 221; churches, 355; probable value, \$2,370,545; parsonages, 94; probable value \$259,330; paid for churches and parsonages \$69,386.75; paid indebtedness on church property \$118,910.40; present indebtedness on church property \$200,214.87; Sunday schools, 373; officers and teachers, 5,460; scholars of all ages, 29,074; contributions, missions, \$25,128.50; ministerial salaries, pastors, presiding elders and bishops, \$156,640.80; conference expenses, \$6,121.83; current expenses, \$61,270.71.

THE CHEESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILROAD ELECTION.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company was held in Richmond yesterday. The report of the President, C. P. Hoozler, covering the operations of the road for the past fifteen months shows that during that period the extension of the main line to the deep waters of Chesapeake Bay, at Newport News, and the connection with the south-western system of railroads, by means of the Elizabeth River, Lexington, and Big Sandy road, have been made—two events which will have a very important bearing upon the future operations of the company, operator as they do continuous connection with the largest Western cities of the Ohio Valley. The report shows a prosperous condition of the affairs of the company. The gross earnings for the fifteen months are put down at \$3,375,958; expenses, \$2,743,430; net earnings, \$632,527. A resolution was adopted authorizing the directors to convene a branch road from Newport, News to Old Point Comfort. The old Board of Directors were unanimously re-elected.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPH NEWS

To-Day's Congressional Proceedings.

SENATE.
Mr. McWilliams reported from the Commerce Committee an original joint resolution introduced upon a communication from the Secretary of State authorizing the government of the United States to accept the invitation of the Government of the Netherlands to take part in a general colonial and export trade exposition to be held in Amsterdam in 1883, and appropriating \$7,000 to provide for its representation. Passed on the Calendar.

Mr. Lugin, from the Military Committee, reported adversely the Senate bill for the payment of female nurses during the war. Indefinitely postponed.

Bills were introduced as follows:
By Mr. Plumb, authorizing the issue of artificial eyes to soldiers, seamen and others. Referred to the pension committee.
By Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, for the payment out of the Senate contingent fund of \$3,500 to M. C. Butler, and \$9,000 to Wm. Pitt Kilgore, in reimbursement of expenses necessarily incurred by them in defense of their titles to seats. Placed on the Calendar of R. Sessions.

The Senate devoted the remainder of the morning hour to the calendar.

The Senate took up the resolution to take action upon any of the resolutions, then took up the order of Senate bills on the calendar when a number were passed. Among them one to punish the selling and advertising of lottery tickets in the District of Columbia. Upon the conclusion of the morning business, the regular order, the tariff commission bill, was temporarily laid aside by unanimous consent to proceed with the postoffice appropriation bill which was taken up. The remaining committee amendments were adopted.

HOUSE.
Mr. Page, of Cal., asked unanimous consent that private bills and resolutions be taken up, and that the House resume the consideration of the Chicago bill, promising that he would call the previous question to-morrow at three o'clock.

Mr. Rice, of Mass., objected.
Mr. Page then made a motion to that effect, but failed to obtain the necessary two-thirds vote.

The Speaker then proceeded to call committees for reports of a private character.

At the conclusion of the morning hour, the House, at 12:45, went into the Committee of the Whole on the private Calendar.

Scene in a Council Chamber.

TRAY, N. Y., March 17.—A lively scene was enacted in the Council Chamber yesterday evening. Alderman Whelan was elected Morris, also claiming to be President of the Board, took seats on the platform. At 7:30 o'clock Morris called the meeting to order. The clerk refused to call the roll until directed to do so by Whelan. A quorum not being present, Morris declared the meeting adjourned, but in attempting to leave the Chamber he was seized by a detective and forced to remain until Whelan had declared the Board adjourned. During the uproar pistols were drawn, and at one time a serious riot was imminent. Fred P. Smith was arrested with a pistol in his possession. Anthony Dunn was also taken up. No other arrests were made. Morris was elected President at the annual meeting. Whelan was said to be elected by an illegal gathering of democrats, who declared the chair vacant. The Republican members were not present. The affair has created great excitement.

Attempted Assassination.

UNION, N. Y., March 17.—Yesterday evening a stranger stepped into the doorway of the private office of Dr. John P. Gray, superintendent of the State Lunatic Asylum, and fired at him. The ball hit Dr. Gray in the left cheek, at the edge of his beard, and passed through the flesh and came out on the other side of the left cheek, embedding itself in the widest margin opposite. The wound is only in the flesh and none of the bones appear to be broken. The man gave himself up at the jail about nine o'clock. His name is Henry H. Shaw, and he has been in no about eighteen months. On him were a single barbed pistol, a revolver, a dirk, a bottle of chloroform and about thirty bundles of cartridges.

Arrested for Embezzling.

PHILADELPHIA, March 17.—S. D. Townsend, who two years ago disappeared from his home under a cloud, and whose whereabouts have been a matter of inquiry to the police, was yesterday arrested in Jersey City and brought to Philadelphia on requisition from the Governor of New Jersey. Townsend was at one time the financial manager of a number of secret societies, was the Treasurer of the Charter Oak Building and Loan Association, of a prominent lodge of K. of K., and in numerous ways had control of a great deal of money. An investigation of his accounts disclosed the fact that they were short to the amount of \$18,000.

Attachment.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 17.—The receipts at the box-office of the Academy of Music during the performance of the "Little Duke" by the Alito Oates' Company here last night, were attached by Gustave Hall, a former employee of the company. Two of the sheriff's force threw the money taker over a banister in the office and seized the money that was in the drawers. Fred Hall, the treasurer of the company, is said to have a ribbon pinned to the mole, the attachment was invalid, and finally the grievance was withdrawn.

Chicago Board of Trade.

CHICAGO, March 17.—Thirty-six prominent members of the Board of Trade have united in preparing a resolution, to be voted on next week, that any officer or director of the Board who refuses to set on a resolution brought before him of a character, shall be found guilty of malfeasance in office, and expelled from the board. This action was rendered necessary by the steady neglect of the rules in prohibiting errors like the present one in April wheat.

A Corpse in the Grain.

PHILADELPHIA, March 17.—About 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon workmen, while clearing out a grain bin at the Pennsylvania Railroad train depot, at Thirteenth and Market streets, found the dead body of a boy about fifteen years old, who had been smothered to the grain. How he got there is a mystery. The supposition is that he ran away from home and concealed himself in a grain car and was suffocated, and was dumped to the bin unperceived.

The Pan-Slavist Agitation.

LONDON, March 17.—A despatch from Berlin to the Times says:—"There seems to be a determination on the part of Germany and Austria to ally with force to the Pan-Slavist tendencies of Russia. Such a feat was the speedy recognition of Serbia's elevation to the rank of a kingdom, and the formal incorporation of Bosnia and Herzegovina with Austria, would be a second significant answer to the Pan-Slavists."

Suicide.

NEWARK, Va., March 17.—Frank Pfeiffer, an orphan boy and a noted sporting man, shot himself through the right temple with a pistol while on this morning killing himself instantaneously, money trouble is the reported cause.

Financial.

NEW YORK, March 17.—The stock market opened in the main all per cent higher than yesterday closing prices, the latter for Richmond and Danville. The only falling stock was a fall of 1/4 per cent. This was followed by an advance ranging from 1/4 to 3/4 per cent in the general list. At 11 o'clock there was a general fractional decline.

Shot by Emigrants.

DENVER, Col., March 17.—At Gopher Station on the Kansas Pacific railroad, yesterday, a section foreman, named Thomas Pitman, his brother and John Roberts were shot by two emigrants, named Thomas Woolen and James McCullum.

Fatal Accident.

MILFORD, Pa., March 17.—Joe Lynch attempted to board a moving freight train on the Pennsylvania Railroad at this place last night, but was thrown under the wheels and almost instantly killed. He was from Darlington, England, and had been only two weeks in this country.

Hurtled Alive.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 17.—Yesterday a horrible accident occurred at St. Joseph. Some boys were digging a tunnel in a hill on the outskirts of the city when the same divided in and buried several of them alive.

Attacked by Italians.

TUNIS, March 17.—The Chocoulet at the French Consulate here has been attacked by 50 Italians, who were arrested.

Bartender Killed.

MOOREHEAD, Minn., March 17.—Edward Quinn, a bartender, was shot and killed during a fight with M. J. Whelan to-day.

The Markets.

BALTIMORE, March 17.—Virginia O. deferred 12; do consolidated 61; do 2d series 1; past due coupons 531; new 10 40s 82 1/2 bid to-day. Cotton higher; middlings 12 1/2. Flour quiet and firm; Howard street and Western super 3 50s 40; do extra 4 50s 50; do family 6 00s 57 1/2; Ohio Mills super 3 00s 37; do extra 4 15s 45 1/2; do Rio brand 5 00; Paterson's family 5 75. Wheat—Southern steady; Western higher and firm; Southern red 1 35s 138; do amber 1 35s 145; No. 1 Mid 1 14s 143; No. 2 Western winter red April 1 15s asked; May 1 15s 13 1/2; June 1 15s 13 1/2; July 1 15s 13 1/2; August 1 15s 13 1/2; Corn—Southern steady; Western quiet and firm; Southern white 84 50; do yellow 75 1/2; Western mixed 74 1/2; Mar 74 1/2 asked; April 74 1/2 74; May 74 1/2 asked; June 74 1/2 74; July 74 1/2 74; August 74 1/2 74; September 74 1/2 74; October 74 1/2 74; November 74 1/2 74; December 74 1/2 74. Rye quiet at 95 1/2. Barley quiet at 95 1/2. Hops quiet at 95 1/2. Sugar strong; a soft 94. Whiskey firm at 1 17 1/2 18.

New York, March 17.—Stocks dull. Money 4. Cotton quiet, and firm; uplands 12 1/2-13 1/2; Orleans 12 1/2-13 1/2. Grain and wheat quiet. Wheat fairly active and 1/2 higher. Corn—less doing and a trifle better.

The Origin of the Massey Investigation.

Major W. H. Kirk, who was a clerk in the Auditor's office wrote the following letter to a Mr. John Alexander, which, when exposed by the latter, gave occasion to the charges of bribery brought against Mr. Massey by Mr. Riddleberger, but which has been unsubstantiated by the resulting investigation:

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

OFFICE AUDITOR PUBLIC ACCOUNTS,
RICHMOND, January 13th, 1882.

Dear John, I have intended to write to you for some time and let you know some little about what is going on here, but I have become so disgusted with the way our legislators are acting that I haven't had the heart. The majority of them are the most subversive dogs I have ever seen; they will not move until Mahone gives the word. Many of their appointments, at his dictation, are entirely incompetent; the better portion of the party are powerful to do anything, and Mahone must have his way or crush everything before him. He has demanded Massey's head, and will get it next week. So move it he—Selah. This is going to raise a howl throughout the State, and will make Massey now Congressmen from the Southern district.

There has been elected Superintendent of Public Instruction; he is entirely incompetent to fill the position. Such appointments as this is tainting our party. But Mahone ordered it. The turning out of faculty and putting Blaine in his place was an infamous outrage. The fact is Mahone has disgraced the better class of readjusters, and has abused the party.

The small-box is becoming alarming, and is now getting into the upper circles. Let me hear from you. We would you for superintendent of schools for Albemarle, but no friend of Massey's, nor any one connected with him, could say a word.

Yours truly,
W. H. KIRK.

Legislative.

In the State Senate yesterday bills were reported from committees to provide for the organization and government of the volunteer militia of the State, and to repeal existing laws concerning the same; and authorizing the Governor to appoint inspectors of officers of the volunteer militia.

Bills were introduced to incorporate the Harpers Ferry Gap Railroad Company; and to amend the charter of the town of Norfolk; and an authorizing the Board of Supervisors of Loudoun county to allow compensation to Judge J. L. Cochran for holding terms of County Court of Loudoun in place of Judge Lane, who was then sick; and to authorize the consolidation of the Richmond and A. & P. Railroad Company with certain other railway companies, to facilitate the construction of its branches and extensions, and to authorize the consolidation of its mortgages.

In the House of Delegates bills were introduced to amend the Code in relation to the appointment of weighmasters; to amend the Code in relation to trespassing; and to submit the question of a hog law in Goochland district, Prince William county, to the voters in said district.

Mr. Taylor of Montgomery couped the chair, Speaker Fowler being detained at home by indisposition.

A recorded vote which was taken shortly after the session began revealed the fact that only fifty-five members were present and voting—barely a quorum.

Answer This.

Did you ever know any person to beil without inaction of the stomach, liver or kidneys, or did you ever know one who was well when either was obstructed or inactive; or did you ever hear of any case of the kind that Hop Bitters would not cure? Ask your neighbor the same question.—Times.

Mothers! Mothers! Mothers!!!

Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of cutting teeth? If so, go at once and get a bottle of Mrs. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately—depend upon it; there is no mistake about it. There is not a mother on earth who has ever used it who will not tell you at once that it will regulate the bowels, and give rest to the mother, and relief and health to the child, operating like magic. It is perfectly safe to use in all cases, and pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Sold everywhere. 25 cents a bottle.

A trial package of "BLACK DRAUGHT" free of charge.
For sale by E. S. Leadbetter & Br.

MONEY AND COMMERCIAL

Business continues very quiet and money markets hereabouts are still quiet. In Baltimore money is reported in moderate supply in the local market, but in the absence of any activity of demand the rates remain easy. The market at bank is mostly at 6 per cent, while outside loans on best security and sharp call can be made at 4 1/2. Money loaned in New York yesterday at 4 1/2 per cent on call, and closed easy at 4 1/2. U. S. bonds are quiet and the market is somewhat irregular. Consols were quoted yesterday at 104 1/2, and 104 1/2 sold at 104 1/2, closing steady at 104 1/2. Tender bonds sold at 104 and closed at 104 1/2, with peeler coupons at same figure. Tax coupons are in moderate demand at 104. Virginia Midland stocks are neglected. Bonds were rather more active and firmer.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF PRODUCE.

Flour, fine	4 00	4 10
Superfine	3 50	3 60
Extra	3 40	3 50
Family	3 30	3 40
Fancy brands	3 20	3 30
Wheat, common to fair	1 10	1 20
Good to prime	1 10	1 20
Choice	1 15	1 25
Corn, white	80	85
Mixed	75	80
Oats	60	65
Corn Meal	60	65
Rye	60	65
Oats	60	65
Butter, prime	20	25
Butter, second	15	20
Eggs	15	20
Chickens, per doz	3 75	4 00
Dressed Hogs	7 00	8 00
Dressed Turkeys	10 00	11 00
Potatoes per bushel	1 00	1 10
Sweet Potatoes per bbl	4 00	4 50
Onions, per bush	1 20	1 30
Apples	2 00	2 50
Dried Peaches, peeled	6 00	6 50
Unpeeled	5 00	5 50
Dried Cherries	8 00	8 50
Dried Apples	6 00	6 50